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Dear 8(e) Coordinator:

Dichloropropionitrile CAS Number 2601-89-0

This letter is to inform you of the results of two inhalation studies in rats with 1,2dichloropropionitrile (DCPN), a single exposure lethality study and a one week subacute study. In the first study, six rats were exposed nose-only for four hours to a mean concentration of 48 ppm of DCPN. Following the exposure, clinical signs of toxicity observed in some rats included labored breathing, lung noise, gasping, and lethargy. Rats had slight to severe weight loss the day following exposure. Two of six rats died within one day after exposure and one rat was sacrificed in extremis.

In the repeat exposure study, groups of ten male rats were exposed, nose-only, for six hours/day for a total of five exposures to concentrations of approximately 0.2, 2, or 10 ppm of DCPN. A control group of ten male rats was exposed simultaneously to air. An additional group of 10 rats was exposed to approximately 2 ppm of DCPN for four days. At the end of the exposure period, five rats per group were sacrificed for pathologic examination. After a twoweek recovery period, the surviving rats in each group were also sacrificed for pathologic examination.

During the exposure period there was a depressed rate of body weight-gain in the 10 ppm group. Immediately after the last exposure, histologic examination showed dose-related nasal lesions in rats exposed to 10 or 2 ppm of DCPN. The 10 ppm group showed ulceration of the nasal respiratory epithelium. In addition there was mild hyperplasia/squamous metaplasia



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observed in the nasal respiratory epithelium and degeneration/regeneration of the olfactory epithelium in both the 10 ppm and 2 ppm groups. After a two-week recovery period, there was only minimal hyperplasia/squamous metaplasia observed in the nasal respiratory epithelium in the 10 and 2 ppm rats. No effects or lesions were observed in the 0.2 ppm group.

The effects described above are being reported in accordance with the guidance given in the EPA TSCA Section 8(e) Reporting Guide (June, 1991).

Sincerely,

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